

Saissansk, Altaisk, and eastward into the mountains, finally descending the Katun River to Biisk, Barnaul, thence to Omsk.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Comendador. Mr. M. E. Beall, Collector of Customs, writes May 22, that he is still on the lookout for an especially fine muskmelon he has heard of, and recently "was told of a small round melon that grows near Azua, very fragrant, and the people put them in their trunks to give odor to their clothes." He will attempt to secure seed of this for us.

INDIA. Calcutta. Mr. John D. Shanahan writes May 22 that he is looking into the possibilities of white linseed, concerning which we requested information, and finds that in some cases at least one Bombay firm has been able to get considerable premiums for it. He has requested further information from the Economic Botanist of India, who has promised to give it.

INDIA. Darjeeling. Mr. G. H. Cave of the Lloyd Botanic Garden writes May 15, that the *Asparagus filicinus* we have requested does not occur in Sikkim, but that his collectors are instructed to watch for it and to procure it if possible.

INDIA. Ootacamund. Mr. F. H. Butcher, Curator of the Government Botanic Gardens, writes May 15 that he will send us seeds of *Bassia longifolia*, the mahua, in August, but doubts his ability to get us *Bassia malabarica*, the southern India form of *B. longifolia*.

INDIA. Simla. Mr. Everard Cotes writes May 14 that he is leaving for England, but has turned our request for *Asparagus filicinus* over to Mr. Bernard Coventry, officiating Director General of Agriculture for India, who will use his best efforts in our behalf.

PARAGUAY. Villa Encarnacion. Mr. C. F. Mead writes April 25 and May 2 that he will send us seeds of the Samun, or tree cotton (*Chorisia* sp.) in June when it is ripe. This cotton is as fine as silk and each boll appears to contain about as much as the average cotton boll in America. The tree is certainly somewhat frost resistant as the trees are in blossom, although for a week there have been heavy frosts every night. He has received a letter from Sr. H. Louis Krummel, a botanist and land surveyor who has had thirty years experience in the upper Parana. "He says that thirty inch maize is pretty large, but that he would not at all be surprised if such was found. He has seen extraordinary large maize brought by Brazilian colonists from Rio Grande or Santa Catharina, Brazil, of the class called 'diente de caballo'